

**PATENT**

Attorney's Docket No. 0236.0018

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(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION OR CIP)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

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☐ divisional

☐ continuation

☒ continuation-in-part (CIP)

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

**[WARNING:** If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.]

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### CREDENTIALER/MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COLLABORATION

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c)

(a) ☒ is attached hereto.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_  
 or \_\_\_\_\_ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known \_\_\_\_\_ and was  
 amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

[NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.]

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

\_\_\_\_\_ In compliance with this duty there is  
 attached an information disclosure statement, 37 CFR §1.97.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d) \_\_\_\_ no such applications have been filed.

(e)   X   such applications have been filed as follows.

[NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.]

**DOMESTIC (PROVISIONAL) APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12  
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NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(4)
09/339,479	6/24/99	<u>  X  </u> YES <u>  </u> NO
		<u>  </u> YES <u>  </u> NO

Add this paragraph at the beginning of the patent application following the title and Background of the Invention and the Declaration as (d) under SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application, Serial No.

60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in Express Mail Label No.

\_\_\_\_\_ by the same inventor, \_\_\_\_\_, entitled

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			___ YES ___ NO
			___ YES ___ NO
			___ YES ___ NO

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### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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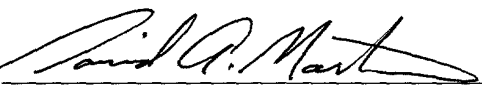
**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

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### SIGNATURE(S)

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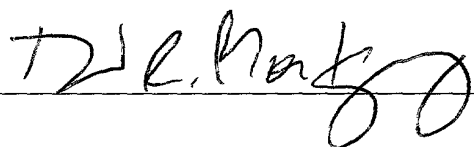
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\_\_\_\_ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.

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